

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Thomas Ernest Adler was born October 18, 1932, and Janet Mary Berkner was born April 28, 1932, both grew up in Milbank, South Dakota, where they became friends as young children and sweethearts as young adults; and,

Whereas, Tom pledged his service to his country, joining the Army, and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and during this time they were joined in matrimony on October 3, 1953; and,

Whereas, After Tom fulfilled his military obligation, the young couple returned to South Dakota, settled in their hometown of Milbank to raise a family and establish their life together, and they continue to reside there today; and,

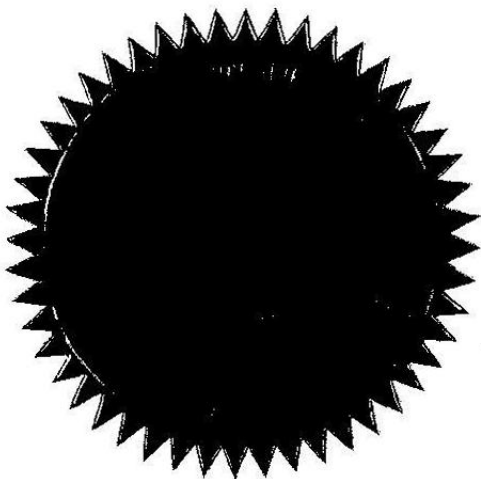
Whereas, Tom and Janet gave life and love to three children, Jane, Jean and John, who have married and have presented them with two grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Their children will host a celebration on October 3, 2003, and invite family and friends to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a devoted couple who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2003, as

TOM & JANET ADLER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State